| Sl. No. | Details of NGO | Amount sanctioned | Amount Released |
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| 5. | Dhulla Regional Physically Handicapped Association, AT & PO-Dhulla, Distt. Darrang, ASSAM | 9.24 | 9.24 |
| 6. | Gram Vikas Parishad, Village-Rangaloo, PO-Jumarmur, Distt. Nagaon, Assam | 9.24 | 9.24 |
| 7. | Bhartiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Thakkar Bapa Smarak Sadan, New Delhi. | 11.83 | 11.83 |
| | **Short Stay Homes** | | |
| 1. | Bhartiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh, Thakkar Bapa Smarak Sadan, New Delhi. | 3.68 | 3.68 |

**Child marriage**

2046. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 10 per cent girls in the country get married before attaining the age of 14, according to studies conducted by Population Council of India;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to impose ban on such underage marriages by educating the parents through Government agencies/NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir. As per the report of International Institute for Population Sciences, the percentage of currently married women in the age group of 25-29 got married by the age of 13 years is 12.1 and that the percentage of women in the age group of 20-24 has been dropped to 8.9 and in the age group of 15-19 to 4.7.

(b) The Government is taking all necessary steps to reduce the child marriages.

(c) The Government has taken several steps to eliminate child marriages from the country. Such as,

* State Governments have been asked for strict implementation of Child Marriage (Restraint) Act, 1929;

* State Governments have been asked to take necessary measures to prevent child marriages in their States;

* The proposal for amendment to the Child Marriage (Restraint) Act, 1929 is presently under consideration of a Parliamentary Standing Committee which would help in better implementation of the Act;

* NHRC is also taking steps at its level to address the issue;

* A strong media campaign is being launched by the Department of Women and Child Development especially to target prevention of child marriages in the forthcoming festival season of *Akshaya Teej;*

* During 2002-03 and 2003-04, the National Commission for Women launched Bal Vivah Virodh Abhiyan and in 2004-05 the Commission has asked the State Governments to take steps to curb child marriages.

**Reservation for women in government jobs**

†2047. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is reservation for women in Government jobs in every State;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether women are being provided with employment in every State as per the prescribed percentage; if not, the persons responsible for it together with the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) (a) to (d) As per information available with the Government, the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.